IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MS JUSTICE G.ROHINI

WRIT PETITION NO : 23876 of 2004

Between:

M/s. Prameela Granites, rep.by its proprietor, B.Madan Mohan, S/o.Ramaiah, aged 43 years
R/o.H.No.8-3-828/16, Yellareddyguda,
Hyderabad-500073.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Director of Mines and Geology, Hyderabad, B.R.K.R.Building, 8th floor, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.
2 The Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Tekkali, Srikakulam District.

.....RESPONDENT(S)

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an order or writ one in the nature of writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the respondents in not passing orders on the prospecting Licence Application of the petitioner granting prospecting licence for coloured granite over an extent of 1.00 Hectare in sy.no.34 of Meelasativada village, Srikakulam District, as arbitrary, illegal, unjust and consequently direct the respondents to pass orders granting prospecting licence on the application dt.28-04-2000 and pass such other order or orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner:SMT.N.SHOBA

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR MINES AND GEOLOGY

The Court made the following :

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a declaration that the action of the respondents in not considering the application made by the petitioner for grant of prospecting licence for coloured granite over an extent of one hectare in Sy.No.34 of Meelasativada village, Srikakulam District is arbitrary and illegal.

As can be seen from the material on record that the petitioner made the said application on 28-4-2000. The only grievance of the petitioner is that the 1st respondent failed to consider the said application and no orders have been passed so far.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Industries appearing for the respondents, without expressing any opinion as to the entitlement of the petitioner for the licence in question, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the application of the petitioner dated 28-4-2000 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

G. ROHINI,J.

BJ/

To

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22nd December, 2004